

1 Amendment to the Claims

2 In the Claims:

3 Please amend Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, as follows:

4 <sup>Sub B1</sup> 1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a selection of properties for an  
5 electronic document associated with an application program having a user interface, comprising the  
6 steps of:

7 determining a context for the electronic document;

8 determining a status of a property for the electronic document; and

9 based upon the context of the electronic document and the status of the property,

10 creating a palette for the user interface so that the palette comprises a control  
11 for an available property; and

12 displaying the palette in conjunction with the electronic document on the user  
13 interface.

14 2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

15 determining a change in the status of the property or the context of the electronic  
16 document;

17 based upon the change of the property or the change in context of the electronic  
18 document,

19 modifying the palette to reflect the change in the property or the change in the  
20 context of the electronic document; and

21 replacing the palette with the modified palette so that the modified palette is  
22 displayed in conjunction with the electronic document on the user interface.

23 3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

24 sizing the palette so that the palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously  
25 viewed.

26 4. (Original) The method of Claim 2, further comprising the step of:

27 sizing the modified palette so that the modified palette and the electronic document  
28 can be simultaneously viewed.

1 5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
2 coordinating the palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the  
3 predefined interface provide consistent control features; and  
4 displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the palette and the electronic  
5 document.

6 6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 2, further comprising the steps of:  
7 coordinating the modified palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the  
8 predefined interface provide consistent control features; and  
9 displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the modified palette and the  
10 electronic document.

11 7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the context of the electronic document  
12 consists of at least one of the following: textual content, formatting content, or graphical content.

13 8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the property consists of one of the  
14 following: a formatting command, an application program command, or an electronic document  
15 characteristic.

16 9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a  
17 graphical user interface for an application program.

18 10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a floating  
19 palette.

20 11. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a  
21 property browser palette window.

22 12. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the predefined interface comprises a  
23 toolbar.

24 13. (Original) The method of Claim 6, wherein the predefined interface comprises a  
25 toolbar.

26 14. (Original) A computer system for providing a selection of formatting properties  
27 for an electronic document associated with an application program having a user interface  
28 comprising:

29 a memory for storing a property browses program module; and  
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1 a processing unit functionally coupled to the memory for executing computer-  
2 executable instructions operable for:

3 determining a formatting property for an electronic document associated with  
4 the application program, wherein the formatting property has at least one control;

5 determining a context for the electronic document;

6 creating a palette with the formatting property including at least one control  
7 and further based upon the context of the electronic document; and

8 sending the palette to a user interface associated with the application program.

9 15. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is  
10 further operable for:

11 determining a change in the status of the property or the context of the electronic  
12 document;

13 based upon the change of the property or the context of the electronic document,

14 modifying the palette to reflect the change in the property or the change in the  
15 context of the electronic document; and

16 replacing the palette with the modified palette so that the modified palette is  
17 displayed in conjunction with the electronic document on the user interface.

18 16. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is  
19 further operable for:

20 sizing the palette so that the palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously  
21 viewed.

22 17. (Original) The computer system of Claim 15, wherein the processing unit is  
23 further operable for:

24 sizing the modified palette so that the modified palette and the electronic document  
25 can be simultaneously viewed.

26 18. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is  
27 further operable for:

28 coordinating the palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the  
29 predefined interface provide consistent control features; and  
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1 displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the palette and the electronic  
2 document.

3 19. (Original) The computer system of Claim 15, wherein the processing unit is  
4 further operable for:

5 coordinating the modified palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the  
6 predefined interface provide consistent control features; and

7 displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the modified palette and the  
8 electronic document.

9 20. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the context of the  
10 electronic document consists of at least one of the following: textual content, formatting content, or  
11 graphical content.

12 21. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the property consists of  
13 one of the following: a formatting command, an application program command, or an electronic  
14 document characteristic.

15 22. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the user interface  
16 comprises a graphical user interface for an application program.

17 23. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the user interface  
18 comprises a floating palette.

19 24. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the user interface  
20 comprises a property browser palette window.

21 25. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the predefined interface  
22 comprises a toolbar.

23 26. (Original) The computer system of Claim 19, wherein the predefined interface  
24 comprises a toolbar.

25 27. (Original) A computer system for providing a selection of formatting properties  
26 for an electronic document associated with an application program having a user interface  
27 comprising:

28 a memory for storing a property browser program module; and

29 a processing unit functionally coupled to the memory, for executing computer-  
30 executable instructions operable for:

1 determining a formatting property for an electronic document associated with  
2 the application program, wherein the formatting property has at least one control;  
3 determining a context for the electronic document;  
4 creating a palette with the formatting property including at least one control  
5 and further based upon the context of the electronic document;  
6 sizing the palette so that the palette and the electronic document can be  
7 simultaneously viewed;  
8 sending the palette to a user interface associated with the application program;  
9 determining a change in the status of the property or the context of the  
10 electronic document; and  
11 based upon the change of the property or the context of the electronic  
12 document,  
13 modifying the palette to reflect the change in the property or the change  
14 in the context of the electronic document;  
15 sizing the modified palette so that the modified palette and the  
16 electronic document can be simultaneously viewed; and  
17 replacing the palette with the modified palette so that the modified  
18 palette is displayed in conjunction with the electronic document on the user interface.

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